

# THE SCHOOL JOURNEY



## **I WISH YOU ALL -**

parents, teachers, people who work in the schools, students - a beautiful journey at school, a journey that enables you to learn three languages that a mature person should know how to express: the language of the mind, the language of the heart, and the language of the hands.

Pope Francis, Address at St. Peter's, 5.10.14

## Blessing of Students

CYM encourages all parishes to take time at all Masses on September 13/14, 2014 to engage young people in the life of the parish by assuring them that the prayers of the community are with them as a new school year begins.

Just before the final blessing (similar to Mother's Day or Father's Day), ask all students - from the very young to the more seasoned - to stand as the priest or deacon blesses them with these words:

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon these students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries.

Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to serving others in your name.

Send your Spirit upon these students that they may follow Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Prayer Source: *Book of Blessings* by International Commission on English in the Liturgy *A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences*, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1989

